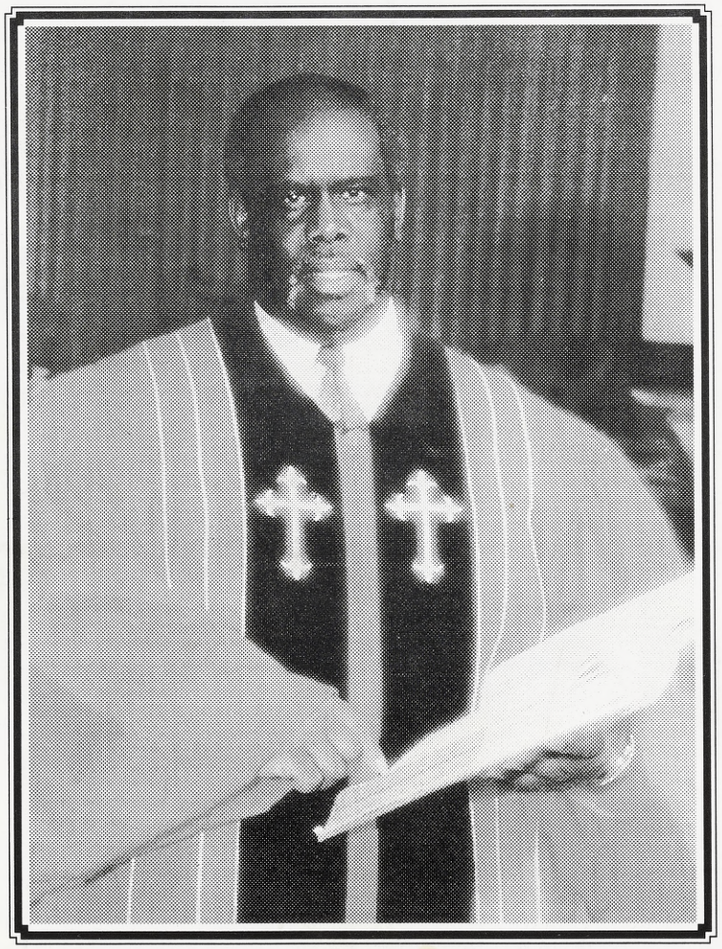
Home going Celebration For
Reverend Richard Lee Watkins

Sunrise:
July 22, 1941

Sunset:
September 28, 1998



"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1

Homegoing Services Held
Monday, October 5, 1998 • 11:00 a.m.
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
831 South 43rd Street • Richmond, California

Reverend James R. Spearman, Officiating
Dr. A. H. Newman, Presiding

Reverend Richard Lee Watkins
Obituary/Order Of Service
Memories

To My Husband

The Preacher ***The Teacher*** ***The Singer***

When I think of you, I remember a man in whom God has imparted his Divine Word, one who can preach at the drop of a hat and know how to articulate the words God has Given Him. The words of a teacher, flows so profoundly out of your mouth, I can still here you saying "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled."

I know you loved and enjoyed singing and preaching, and what can I say, you did it very well. Your wonderful melodious voice that reached the very heart of God's people everywhere. You'll truly be missed.

Richard, I thank God for allowing our paths to cross, you taught me a lot. I know you're in a better place with the Lord.

Keep Singing and Preaching Up There
Love Your Wife Sheila

Reverend Richard Lee Watkins

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Obituary

Reverend Richard Lee Watkins

Richard Lee Watkins, was born July 22, 1941 at Booth Memorial Hospital in Oakland, California.

Richard was raised by Reverend F. W. Watkins and Arlene Watkins who has preceded him in death.

Richard completed his education in the Richmond Unified School District. He also, attended Conroy Institution where he received his theological degree. He was licensed by his father, Reverend F. W. Watkins and ordained by the St. John District Association.

Richard has held a number of position and jobs before being employed in the Funeral industry where he has worked over forty years. He began his career at the age of sixteen. Richard took pride in his work at Rose Manor and Fuller Funeral home where he departed this life. Richard touched the lives of many through his gift from God to preach, sing and pray.

The Lord called Richard to the Ministry in 1953. He started his ministry at the North Richmond Baptist Church where he worked faithfully at the side of his father.

Richard has been Pastor, Assistant Pastor, and Associate Minister at churches throughout California.

Richard joined Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in 1987 under the leadership of the late Reverend C. E. Richardson where he served as an Associate Minister. Reverend Watkins took his work for the Lord serious and participated in all auxiliaries in the church.

Reverend Watkins served as Mission Minister, worked with the Youth Department, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and assisted the pastor. He also took charge in the pulpit in the pastors absence.

On January 25, 1992 Richard met and married Sheila L. Alexander. In October 1992 he was called to pastor Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Berkeley, California. He continued to serve after returning to his church home.

Reverend Watkins last song was Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.

On September 28, 1998 the Angel of death broke the circle of the Watkins family by taking the devoted father and grandfather to his resting place beyond this vail of tears.

He leaves to mourn his loss and cherish his memories his loving wife, Sheila L. Watkins; five sons, Leslie Darnell Terrell of Sacramento, California, Christopher Lee Watkins of Richmond, California; Andre Watkins of Chicago, Illinois, Burnes Bandy of Richmond, California and Nicholas Burse of Richmond, California; five daughters, Debra Watkins-Smith of Sacramento, California, Anita Watkins-Williams, Dionne Bandy, Yolanda Bandy and Elesia Burse all of Richmond, California; two brothers, Darrell James Mooring of Richmond, California, and Marvin Mozel Mooring of San Francisco, California; three sisters, Mona Marie Mooring of Richmond, California, Willetta Rena Brown and Debra Faye Brown of El Cerrito, California; a beloved aunt, Loretta Guice; four brothers-in-law, Wayman, Thomas, Jr., James and Rufus all of Sacramento, California; four sisters-in-law, Elsie, Kathy and Dorothy of Sacramento, California and Lanita of Richmond, California; mother and father-in-law, Thomas and Minnie Alexander of Sacramento, California; special friend, Renee Spearman and co-worker, Marvalynn Baker; loving extended family, Reverend and Sister James Harris, Reverend and Sister J. L. Johnson, Mother Novelean Harris, Brother and Sis. Silas Spearman Gloria Ham and Mother Helen Burns, who preceded him in death; nine nieces, twelve nephews, fifteen grandchildren and a host of cousins, friend and the Pilgrim Rest and North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church family.

Order of Service

Presiding
Dr. A. H. Newman

Processional ..... "Have A Little Talk With Jesus"

Selection ..... Pilgrim Rest Mass Choir

Scripture

Old Testament ..... Reverend Gordon Thomas
New Testament ..... Reverend Eric Morris

Prayer ..... Reverend Ron Nelson

Selection ..... Pilgrim Rest Mass Choir

Expressions ..... Family and Friends
(2 Minutes, Please)

Expressions ..... Ministers and Pastors

Special Expressions ..... Fuller Funerals Inc.

Solo ..... Yvette Baker
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Tribute to my Grandpa ..... Shequita Hubbard

Tribute to my Uncle ..... Tanesha Mooring

Selection ..... Reverend Melvin Scott

Resolutions ..... Sister Denise VanHook

Obituary ..... Sister Beatrice Ashley

Acknowledgment of Cards, Telegrams and Condolences ..... Sister Etta Spearman

Solo ..... Sister Kathy Henry

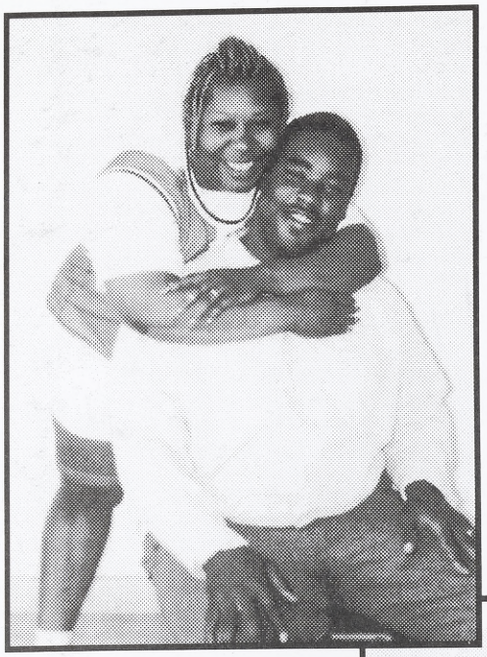
Eulogy ..... Reverend James R. Spearman, Pastor

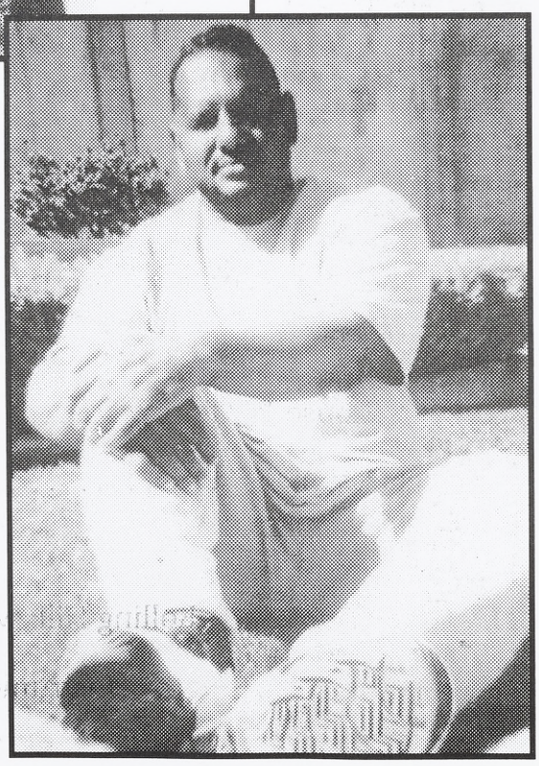
A Glimpse Til Glory ..... Fuller Funerals Staff

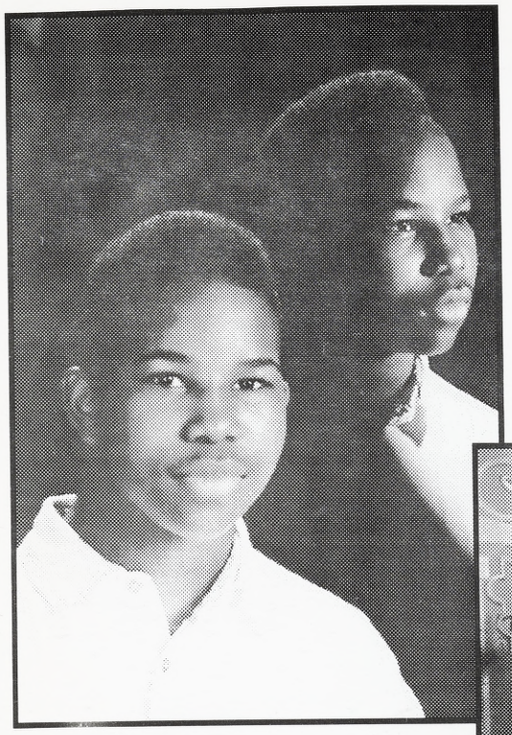
Recessional .....

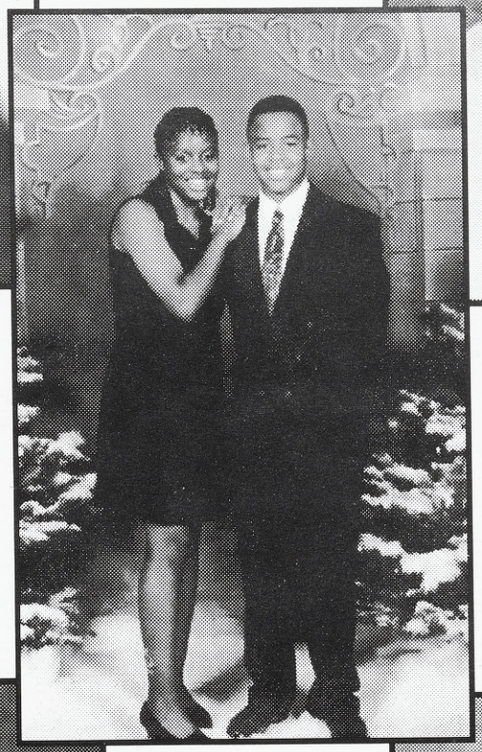
Interment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park • Richmond, California

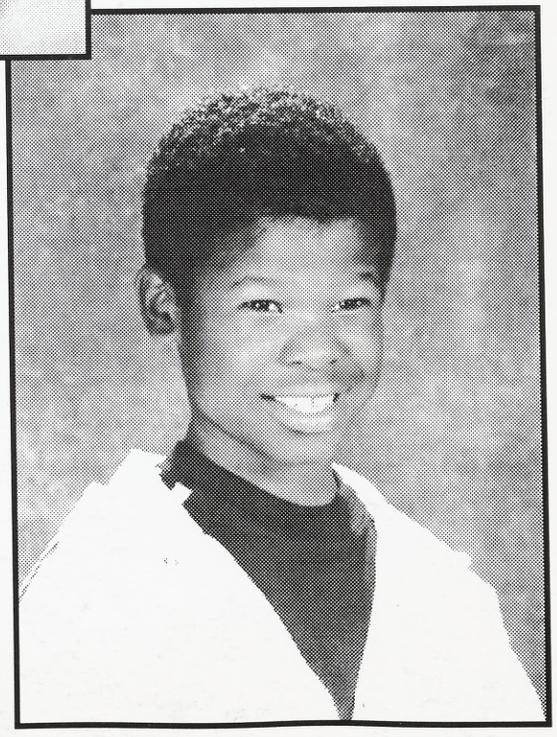
Instrumental Solo, Brother Elroy Morris











Active Pallbearers

Brother Denny Chapman
Brother Willie Warren
Deacon George Yeargin
Brother Roscoe Jones

Deacon Tyrone Carter
Brother George Smith
Brother Darrell Williams
Brother Eric Parrish

Brother Gregg Corbert

Honorary Pallbearers

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church
and North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church Deacons

Mr. Ernest Bradford
Mr. Jee Demillion
Mr. Joe Bumpus
Mr. Paul R. Fuller
Brother Silas Spearman

Close Friends

Reverend Ronald Nelson
Reverend Gordon Thomas
Reverend Eric Morris
Reverend Ricky Williams
Reverend Edward Ford
Reverend Lloyd Farr
Reverend M. T. Thompson
Reverend James Harris

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REVEREND RICHARD L. WATKINS

July 22, 1941 — *September 28, 1998*

QUIET HOUR

Sunday, October 4, 1998
7:00 P.M.

North Richmond Baptist Church
1427 Filbert Street
Richmond, California
Reverend C.W. Newsome, Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend C.W. Newsome
Officiant

Prelude ..... Organ Played Softly

Processional

Selection ..... North Richmond Baptist Church Choir
Scripture Readings: ..... Old Testament - Reverend M.T. Johnson
..... New Testament - Reverend James Harris
Prayer ..... Reverend Alonzo Emmerson
Selection ..... North Richmond Baptist Church Choir
Solo ..... Sister Debra Simmons
Expressions .....[PLEASE - 2 MINUTE LIMIT] ..... Family and Friends
Solo ..... Sister Wilma Watts-Ross
Expressions ..... Ministers
Solo ..... *"Blessed Assurance"* ..... Reverend M.T. Thompson
Words of Comfort ..... Bishop Ross Garrison

Viewing
Recessional and Postlude

The family wishes to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, flowers and other expressions of kindness. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult period. Until we can thank each of you individually, may the Lord bless and keep you and give you peace.

The Family of Reverend Richard L. Watkins